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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE: PCT/EP00/08922  
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Applicant: Weuthen, et al.  
Title: SURFACTANT MIXTURES  
Applicants' Reference: C 2066 PCT/US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please amend the English translation of the International Application submitted herewith, without prejudice, as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 16 of page 1, including the heading "Prior art", and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and title of the invention:

**--TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

Low-Foaming, Nonionic Surfactant Mixtures,  
and Laundry Detergents Containing the Same

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**